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I. *Its Object.* — The Sunday-school teacher has one text-book, the BIBLE. He needs a comprehensive knowledge of its contents; of its structure, its geography, its history, its growth, its institutions, its teachings, and the evidence that it comes from God. His preparation of each lesson is made much easier, more enjoyable, more effective, by such knowledge.

The Sunday-school teacher aims to communicate divine truth to PERSONS. He needs to know the natures of those whom he would teach, the laws which govern the communication of knowledge, and the ways in which God has taught men the knowledge of himself.

The Sunday-school teacher works, with others, in an institution, the SUNDAY-SCHOOL. He needs to understand its character, its aims, its relation to other Christian institutions, its organization, and how to make it most effective. Every Christian needs to know how to use his Bible so as to apprehend its truths, their rela-

tions to each other and to himself; to *enjoy it*, and to *grow spiritually* by its use, above all other books.

The Course of Study of the Chautauqua Normal Union aims to secure these results. To promote its success is to enrich the lives of Christians, to add greatly to the power of the Church, and to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God.

II. *Its History.*—Various schemes for the normal instruction of Sunday-school teachers have been proposed and put in operation during the past twenty-five years; but the first effort in this direction on an extended scale was that of the first session of the Chautauqua Sunday-school Assembly, under the leadership of Dr. J. H. Vincent and Hon. Lewis Miller, in 1874. The surprising growth of this movement soon led to the formation of the Chautauqua Normal Course, the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, and the many other schools and lines of study now included in the Chautauqua Assembly and University. But the study of the Bible and of methods and principles of teaching it has been constantly maintained in connection with the Assembly, and has attracted increasing attention among Christian workers. In 1880, at the Sunday-school Centennial in London, at Dr. Vincent's suggestion, a committee was appointed to prepare an international course of normal study. On the issue of the first series of books by this committee an association was formed of Assembly con-

ductors and teachers of normal classes, for the purpose of bringing the normal Sunday-school work throughout the entire country to a common standard. This association was called the Assembly Normal Union. Outline lessons were prepared and a course of reading arranged in connection with them, including the books of the International Normal Committee. This has been extensively adopted in the United States and Canada, and several thousand Sunday-school teachers are using it.

In the summer of 1886 a reorganization was effected, under the name of the Chautauqua Normal Union, making it a department of the Chautauqua University, with officers as announced in the first part of this hand-book. The Board of Counsel consists of well-known Assembly conductors and normal class teachers, and holds an annual meeting at Chautauqua.

III. *Its Plan.*—The Course of the Chatauqua Normal Union, as now arranged, includes studies in the Bible and in Sunday-school work, to be carried on through four years. Each year's work, however, is separate, and will be recognized by a separate certificate awarded to all who complete it and pass the requisite examination. For the present four years the course is as follows :

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Those who join the Union at the sessions

of the summer Assemblies, and who desire to begin the course of study in the fall, are recommended to take the course for the current year, and not the coming year. Those who begin in the fall of 1891 are advised to take the course of 1891, and not of 1892, even though it will involve completing the studies of 1891 after the beginning of 1892.

The books of the course may be obtained from Hunt & Eaton, New York; Cranston & Stowe, Cincinnati; or the Congregational Publishing Society, Boston and Chicago.

IV. *Membership.*—The annual fee of membership for students in the Chautauqua Normal Union is twenty-five cents; but those who desire to pay the fees for the entire course at once can do so for fifty cents, thus saving one half the expense of the fees for the course. The fee may be sent, with name and address, to K. F. Kimball, Treasurer, at the office of the C. L. S. C., Buffalo, N. Y., or to the Secretary, Jesse L. Hurlbut, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

As the course is somewhat more extended than in former years, those who already hold the diploma of the C. N. U. and desire to continue its studies can do so upon the payment of the fee of twenty-five cents for each annual course of study, additional to those already taken. Instead of another diploma, these will receive a seal for each additional course, to be affixed to the diploma already obtained.

V. *Examinations.*—Questions for examination on the subjects of the course for each year

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Specimen copies of examination questions already held in former years, and not to be used again, will be sent to members desiring them, as samples of the examination to be expected, provided that *four cents* in stamps are sent with every application. In sending for such specimen copies, please specify upon what text-books the examination is desired. Students would do well to test their knowledge of the subjects by trying these before opening the envelope containing the regular examination. For these, and for all information on the subject, write only to the Secretary, Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D.D., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

VI. *Certificates and Diploma.* — To every student who succeeds in passing the annual examination a certificate (postal-card size) will be sent by mail, certifying to the fact that he has passed examination upon one year's course of the C. N. U. This certificate should be preserved, as, when four have been obtained

upon different annual courses, they will entitle the person whose name they bear to the full diploma of the Chautauqua Normal Union, upon payment of the diploma fee of twenty-five cents.

The diploma may be sent directly to the student at his home, or it may be conferred at any Assembly which he may elect, provided notice is sent when the last examination paper is returned, and a full month before the said Assembly. If the Assembly is held in July, the paper should be returned and the notice given by June 1.

VII. *Assemblies.*—The normal course should be one of the leading features at every Chautauqua Assembly. It is recommended that but one normal course be taught each year at the Assemblies, in morning and afternoon sessions; that the best teachers be obtained for this department; that the course of the current year be followed; that an abundant supply of circulars be obtained and distributed; that full information concerning the course be given; that fees be received and names enrolled for membership in the C. N. U. either by the Normal Instructor or at the Chautauqua office at the Assembly, and after the Assembly the names and fees be sent to either the Secretary, Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, or the Treasurer, K. F. Kimball, Buffalo, N. Y., office of the C. L. S. C. It is found that the Assemblies where Sunday-school normal work is made prominent, and the course

of the Chautauqua Normal Union is thoroughly taught, have a steady and growing constituency of Sunday-school teachers. All students of the C. N. U. should, if possible, attend such an Assembly, and study or review the course. The lesson lectures of a competent normal teacher at the Assembly will be a great assistance in preparing for the examination.

The officers of the C. N. U. recommend, however, that no examination of the normal class be held at the Assemblies. The students have but little time during the session for study; the course must necessarily be pursued too rapidly for new students to learn it successfully; the examination practically requires a day from the Assembly programme; it interferes with other exercises, and shortens the time of the normal class by at least two sessions, or even three. Without an examination the normal class can have two or three more lesson-lectures than with it. The Chautauqua Normal Union gives its certificates and diploma only to those who receive examination questions direct from the secretary's office, and return them when answered to the secretary's office, where all papers are examined and the standing is determined. An exception is made at the Chautauqua Assembly, where the office of the C. N. U. is held during August of each year. As the Normal Department there has its own building, and as the length of the session admits of a full fortnight for the normal class, an annual examination is held at

Chautauqua under the personal supervision of the secretary.

Inasmuch as some Assemblies desire to hold an examination and confer a diploma during their session, a special diploma has been prepared for this purpose. This, however, is not a diploma of the C. N. U., but only of the Assembly conferring it, and each Assembly will adopt its own regulations concerning its use. It may be purchased by Assembly managers at ten cents per copy, in blank, or in quantities at $7 per hundred copies. Send orders, with cash inclosed, to the Secretary of the C. N. U., Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

VIII. *The C. N. U. and the C. L. S. C.*— The course of the Chautauqua Normal Union is recognized as a seal-course of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. Each graduate of the C. N. U., who is also a member of the C. L. S. C., is entitled to a seal upon his C. L. S. C. diploma. In making application for this seal members will send as a voucher to the office of the C. L. S. C. the four certificates, showing that they have completed the normal course, requesting that they be returned, and inclosing a stamp for return.

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